

Old Home Days Committee Minutes

Wednesday February 5, 2020 at 5:30PM, Whitney Hall Conference Room

In attendance: Kristin Harrington, Shirley Green, Stephanie Hill, Rob Bassett, Ron Hill,
Jason Hill, Tracy Hill

Guests: Scott Gerlach (volunteer)

Meeting started at 5:32 pm

Membership Review

Dan Harrington and Rob Bassett are up for renewal in 2020. Rob will renew, Dan will not. Amber Bissonette, who could not attend tonight, is interested in joining for 2020. Scott Gerlach will remain a volunteer. All will be confirmed at the March meeting and sent to the select board for review.

Kristin Harrington would like to step down as chair at the conclusion of 2020. Stephanie Hill will be taking more of a leadership role this year and the two will work together to pass the torch to some of the newer members.

Discussion

The largest part of the discussion focused on ways to alleviate burden from the small committee of volunteers. We hope to focus in 2020 on outsourcing more of the events and taking on more of coordinator roles.

To that end, dropping Friday evening was discussed. The pulled-pork supper at the church would likely continue with or without us. The band concert is quite expensive and does require some work on the committee part with chairs, etc. We would ask the Lioness to sponsor a different event for the weekend. Members are to mull this over and we will vote at the March meeting.

It was also discussed whether to keep the other events split between Huse Park and the museum or keep everything at Huse Park. Kristin motioned to keep them at both locations, Jason seconded. There were 6 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstained.

Rust and Ruin has contacted the committee about playing the cruise night event again. Ron Hill said he would like to wait as he plans to talk to Rick Butterfield about hiring him to coordinate the cruise night as part of his larger car organization, which would take the planning burden off of the committee and bring in a larger audience. The committee would reallocate the funds for the band to this. It will be voted on in March once Ron has more information. Jason will also approach the Lions about providing food via their truck for that event.

The committee will have Wildlife Encounters come again on Saturday, but move it to 10AM instead of 2PM to attract people to the park before the picnic and not interfere with the ice cream social. Tracy will call them to coordinate. Scott will also contact Cardigan Mountain

Tradition about providing entertainment at the picnic again. The committee also wants to bring back the Home Brew event. Kristin will talk to Dan about partnering with a committee member to get that underway.

To bring more people to the Museum on Sunday, it was decided that we would contact VINS about a traveling raptor show. Also, instead of the Mascoma guitar orchestra, the committee would like to bring in a smaller group, either Still Hill or Reckless Breakfast, to provide new and fresh entertainment. This would also cut down on the labor needed to set up the chairs and tents for the orchestra, who are often uncomfortable in the July heat.

The quilt show and vendor fair will continue. Kristin will spearhead this effort.

2019 fundraising efforts left us with a current balance of \$4,377.23 in the account. Shirley did not need much else from the committee at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37PM.

Next meeting – Wednesday March 4, 2020 at Whitney Hall, 5:30PM

Action Items:

Tracy: Secure Wildlife Encounters

Stephanie: Call VINS

Ron: Liaise with Rick Butterfield and bring back cruise night info

Scott: Secure Cardigan Mountain Tradition

Kristin: Confirm Museum with Anna, start work on vendors

Jason: Talk to Lions about providing food at cruise night